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Semi-Annual Investigation of Reconstituted Tobacco

The reconstituted tobacco from cigarettes of our own and competitive companies manufactured in March, 1970 has been investigated microscopically.

The only change noted since they were last investigated in October, 1969 is in Brown and Williamson's product. They now have two types: 1) Slurry type; and 2) a new type, which is made by the paper-making process. They have been using the slurry type process for all of their cigarettes, foreign and domestic, that we have examined since 1959. Philip Morris now is the only company using exclusively a reconstituted sheet made by a process other than paper making.

Attached are photomicrographs of the two types of reconstituted tobacco, which has been disintegrated in water. Note the difference in the particle size of the tobacco leaf and stem.

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